Ex vic. ꝛc. Saltꝫ. Forasmoche as in the tymes of the noble progenytours of the kynge our souerayngne Lorde / dyuerse Statutes haue ben made and establissched for punysshement of suche parsones that gyue or receyue lyuerays or that retayne any parsone or parsones or be retayned with any parsone or parsones by other prompte lyuerey wayteynge tokenbage or otherwyse vpon dyuerse paynes & forfaytures in suche statutes contayned / That notwithstandynge dyuerse and many parsones haue taken vppon them some to gyue and some to receyue lyuerayse and to retayne / and be retayned contrarye to the fourme of the sayde Statutes / And lytell or nothynge is or hathe ben done for the punysshement of the offenderse in that behalfe / By reason wherof manye Murdoures / Ryottes / Routes vnlaufull assemblese mayntenaunces inbracerye & other great inconuenyences haue ensued and dayly dothe ensue to the disturbaunce and inquietacyon of the Kynges Subgiettes & to the lette of thexecution of his lawes / Wherefore the Kynge our moste drede souerayngne lorde by thaduyse of his counsayll wyllethe straytlye chargeth & commaundeth all his true & fayethfull subgiettes & liegemen of what degree state or condicion soeuer he or they be / that they & euery of theym from henceforthe obserue kepe & perfourme all & synguler statutes & ordynaunces & euery parte of the same aforetyme had or made ayenst suche as make vnlaufull reteynoures / and suche as so be reteyned or that gyue or receyue lyuerey contrarye to the fourme & effecte of the same Statutes & ordynaunces & that no parsone ne parsones fromhensforthe do retayne ne be retayned contrary to the sayde estatutes / ne y any parsone or parsones heretofore in any wyse retayned by the Kynges letters mysyues placardes patentes or oder wyse fromhensforthe vse or were any lyuerey Bage token or oder wyse yall hym selfe seruaunt to any suche parsone to whome he or they haue ben so retayned / vpon suche paynes & forfaytures as ben conteyned in the same statutes any commaundement letters mysyues / placardes / commyssyones / or letters / patentes vnder the Kynges great Seale to the contrarye made in any wyse notwithstandynge All whyche commaundementes / letters / mysyues / placardes / commyssyones & his patentes of what date or nature so euer they be or to whome / or for what cause soeuer they were graunted / the kynges hygnes vtterly hath reuoked & by this proclamacyon clerely declareth theym now & fromhensforthe to be voyde & of no force strength ne effecte / And also the Kynges hygnes callynge to his remembraunce how that many notable actes & Statutes haue bene made & establissched in the days of his noble progenitoures Kynges of Englonde for reformacyon & punysshement of vacabundes idle & suspecte plones & auoydynge of vnlaufull games & correction of vitelers vpon greuous peynes conteyned in the same actes & Statutes And that notwithstondynge litle or nothynge hath ben done within Cytyes Boroughes Townes & oder places of this his Realme for punysshement of the sayd vacabounds idle & suspecte parsones & for the auoydynge of vnlaufull games & correcyon of vitelers by his Justyces of peale / Mayres / Shereffes & oder his officers thereunto auctorysed by reason wherof dyuerse horrible murdres & robberyes hathe ben also committed & done & also decayes of Cittes / Townes / & Boroughes lyke to ensue to the great desolacion & ruyne of this his Realme. & also for lacke of correction of vyteliers the Kynges subgiettes hath susteyned great damages & losses whyche prompsyes to auoyde his grace about all erthely thynges tenderly myndeth & to reduse y same his Realme in his dayes into his auncyent honoure welthe & prosperyte / His hygnes therfore wyllethe straytly chargeth & cōmaūdeth all & synguler his Justices of peale / Mayres Shereffs / Baylyffes & oder hede Officers Rulers of Countyes / Cities & Townys within this his sayde Realme that they & euerye of them forasmoche as to theym & euerye of theym concernyth doo execute & cause to be executed as well the Statute of Wynchester the statute for punysshement of vacabounds the statute made for the auoydynge of vnlaufull games & also the statute made for correction of vyteleres as the sayde estatutes made ayenste theym that reteyne or be reteyned vpon suche paynes as be conteyned in the sayde statutes & euerye of theym to be executed & leuyed vpon the sayd offenders Mayres / Shyreffes and oder hede Officers aforesayd in case the Kynges grace fynde any defaulte offence remysse or negligence in theym or any of theym in obseruynge & execution of the sayde statutes / and as they wyll answere to the Kynge at their perylles and to their vttmost that no parson shall haue cause to excuse theym by ignorraunce or for lacke of knowlege of the sayde statutes The Kynges hygnes hath caused the sayde Statutes to be proclaymed thorough oute all his Realme of Englonde and also to be imprynted & remayne in euery Cytye / Shyre / Towne & borough that euery parson may resorte for the syght & vnderstandynge of the same estatutes for their suertye & discharge in that behalfe / And that no parsone or parsones of what estate degree or condicion he be presume or truste vppon any pardon Releasse or discharge to be obteyned of our souerayngne Lorde of his or of their offences fromhensforthe contrarye to the tenure of the sayde estatutes and euery of theym.

The statutes of Wynchester.

Herfore the statute of Wynchestre / made the .xiii. yere of the reygne of the kynges noble progenytours kynge Edwarde the fyrste as ensueth. Forasmoche as dayly roberyes murdres and brennynges be more often and comenly done within this our realme thenne euer was heretofore / and that felons haue not ben therfore attempted / by the othes of the Jurours / whyche rather wylfully suffre Felonyes to be doon to straunge parsones / and to passe without punysshement of enditement of the sayde Mysdoers / wherof greate parte of the sayde Mysdoers be of the people of the same countre / or at the leste if the sayde Mysdoers be of an other Countre / the Receptours be of the neyghbours of the same Countre and the sayd Jurours doo not regarde nor fere their othes / where the sayde felonyes be doon. And as to the verily tuycyon of them that were dammaged and hurtyd byfore tyme / noo payne was purueyed for the cōtentement or Mysbehauoure of the sayd Countre or Jurours where suche offences were doon.

The kynge our Souerayngne lorde for to eschewe and abate the power of felons hath establyssched a payne in this case / That for fere of the sayde payne rather than for fere and drede of their othes / and that no parsones from henceforthe offendynge shall not escape / nor no felonyes be conceyled.

The kynge our sayd Souerayngne Lorde cōmaūdeth that a Cope and proclamacion be solempnely made in all Shyres Hundred / Warkettes Fayres & all other places where greate assemble of people shalbe / So that by Ignorraunce no parsone shall excuse hym / that euery Counte from henceforth be kept / so that forthwith after any Roberyes and felonyes be doon fresshe suyte be made from Towne to towne and countre to Countre.

And also it nede be that enquestes be made in Towne or Townes by hym or theym that is Souerayngne of the Towne or townes / And after in Hundred and in Fraunchyses And in the Countie or Countres / and somtymes in two / thre / or foure Shyres in case whan felonyes be doon in marches of the same Shyre or Shyres / soo that the sayde mysdoers may be attempted accordynge to their demerites / and if the Countre or Countres doo not take the body or bodyes of suche mysdoers / Their punysshement and payne shalbe suche / That is to saye euery of the people in the Countre abydynge there shall answere of the robberyes and damages doon there / So that the hundrede or hundredes where as the Robberye or Robberyes shalbe doon within the Fraunchyse or Fraunchyses within the sayd hundrede or hundredes shall answere of the sayde Robberye or Robberyes And if the Robberye be doon in the endes or the deuydynge of two hundredis / then shall both the hundredes with the Fraunchyse within theym answere for the sayde mysdedes and offenses doon And the Countre or Countres shall haue no lenger terme after the Robberye or Robberyes Felony or Felonyes doon but .xl. dayes within whiche tyme the sayde Countre or Counteres shal make agrement or restoure of the sayde Robberye or Robberyes and mysdedes / or elles answere the body or bodyes of suche mysdoers.

And furthermore the kynges hygnes / for the farther sewertye of his subiectis / chargeth & cōmaūdeth that all the gates of euery greate walled Towne or Townes be shutte at the sonne settynge / and not open byfore sonne rysynge.

And that no parsone shalbe lodged nor harbergyd in y Suburbes nor in the foreyn of any suche Towne but by day tyme nor yet by daye tyme but if the holde will answere for hym.

And the Baylyffs of Towne or Townes euery wyke or euery .xv. dayes shall make enquerye of the people harbergyd and lodged in the Suburbes or foreynes of Towne or Townes / and if they fynde any man that harbergeth or doo loge any parsone suspecte or do ayenst y kynges peas or contrary to y prompsyes. The sayde Baylyffs shal doo theym ryght and punysshe theym accordynge to the lawe.

And from henceforthe it is ordeyned and cōmaūded by the kynges sayde hygnes / That watche be made as of olde tyme it hath ben vsed and accustomed / that is to saye / from the daye of the Assencyon vnto the feest of Seynt mychel thaungell / that in euery Cytye in the nyght .vi. men at euery gate in euery borowe by .xii. men / & euery vplanded Towne by .vi. men or .iiii. after the nombre of the people there dwellynge / They shall make watche dayly from sonne sette vnto sonne rysynge / and if any straunger passe by theym / they shall arrest hym or theym and kepe hym or theym tyll the mornynge and if any suspecyous be found in hym or theym / he or they to be deliuered / & set at his liberte / and if suspecyon be founde in hym or theym he or they to be deliuered by the Cadiop of y tythe / whiche shall receyue and kepe hym without any difficulte tyll he be in due maner deliuered / and if suche suspecyous p'sones will not abyde arrestynge and detaynynge / they be made by theym from Towne to Towne vnto the tyme they be taken / any deliuerey / Sheriffes ordynge as for is sayde.

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